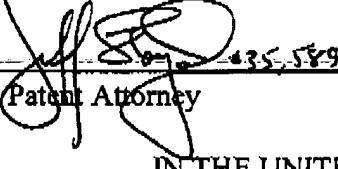


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Sir:

Please amend the application identified above as follows:

In the claims:

Please add the following new claims:

1 305. A pharmaceutical paclitaxel composition having improved stability comprising:
2 paclitaxel;
3 polyethoxylated castor oil; and
4 an acid;
5 said acid improving the stability of the paclitaxel as compared to an identical composition
6 without said acid; and
7 wherein said acid-containing paclitaxel composition is such that at least 97.5% of the
8 paclitaxel potency is retained when the composition is stored at 40° C for 7 days.